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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendment to the English Translation of the International Application before examining this application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-25 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 26-51:

26. A method of treating amyotrophic lateral sclerosis comprising systemic administration of a pharmaceutical composition comprising an expression system encoding a neurotrophic factor.

27. The method according to claim 26, wherein the expression system comprises an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid encoding a neurotrophic factor under the control of a transcriptional promoter.

28. The method according to claim 26, wherein the expression system comprises two expression cassettes, wherein each cassette comprises a nucleic acid encoding a different neurotrophic factor and under the control of a transcriptional promoter.